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PART I
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DISCUSSION

The Project

In the fall of 1991, Massachusetts Governor William Weld declared the Commonwealth's domestic violence situation to be in a state of emergency. (Appendix I) In the wake of that declaration, a Domestic Violence Policy Group was appointed by the Governor to address policy issues concerning domestic violence. In the spring of 1992, the Policy Group highlighted the importance of providing assistance to persons seeking domestic violence restraining orders in the courts of the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Committee on Criminal Justice subsequently awarded a federal Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance to research and report on the status of domestic violence court advocacy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Work began on the project in October of 1992. A questionnaire was developed and distributed to survey all organizations and agencies providing court based advocacy for victims of domestic abuse at the civil (pre-criminal) stage. The present Report and Directory are based on returned survey information. The Directory presents information on domestic violence court advocacy services available on a court by court basis across the Commonwealth and provides a contact list of names and phone numbers of service providers by county. The Report identifies gaps in domestic violence court advocacy services and make recommendations for filling the service gaps.

The Need for Specialized Domestic Violence Court Advocates

Court advocates are needed to assist victims of domestic violence who seek court protection from their abusers. Typically, these victims are not represented by legal counsel and have an urgent need for information on their legal options, for support as they encounter an often intimidating court system, for help with safety planning and for referrals to various support services.

One of the most basic tools used to combat domestic violence is the restraining order. In Massachusetts, the restraining order may be granted by any trial court under Chapter 209A of the Massachusetts General Laws (Appendix II). Chapter 209A allows individuals to request restraining orders without being represented by a lawyer and without payment of the usual court filing fees. These provisions were intended to simplify the process and to assure that absolutely anyone, regardless of financial status, could seek this protection under the law. From the viewpoint of an abuse victim, however, there are also psychological, social and financial barriers to obtaining protection from a violent partner. When offering court advocacy assistance to victims, it cannot be assumed that victims need help solely in being guided through the court process.

The trip to court, facing court personnel and judges, dealing with court procedures and eventually meeting one's abuser in court may cause an abuse victim to balk at using legal channels. Many non-abused people see the court as an intimidating institution; it is perceived as a place where "bad" people go when they have done "bad" things. At the very best, it is foreign and unfamiliar territory. To an abused person in the midst of crisis, these perceptions are magnified. The court process is often viewed as another fearful experience despite the simplified procedures provided in Chapter 209A.

When abuse victims are afraid of the court process, they may remain in dangerous situations too long. Anecdotal evidence indicates that many abuse victims remain in dangerous situations until they are more fearful of their living situations than they are of the court process. When anxiety regarding the court process is high, an abusive situation may intensify and escalate to extreme proportions before the victim is motivated to seek court protection.

The victim's safety must be the top priority. Statistically, the most dangerous time for a victim is when the victim steps away from the abusive relationship and attempts to change it. It is vital that the victim be given assistance in forming a safety plan. In the midst of crisis, the victim is not always able to logically think through personal safety options. An

advocate must be able to provide concrete suggestions that will answer the safety needs of each individual victim. This initial safety plan may be updated when the victim returns to court for the next hearing.

The court process can be made less threatening by providing abuse victims with the support and counsel of an advocate trained in the legal and procedural aspects of the system as well as the safety, medical and psychological issues present in abusive situations.

The initial restraining order received by a victim expires within ten days. The victim must return to court at a specified time within the ten days for another hearing if the orders are to be extended. Because the abuser may be present, this "return visit" is often very intimidating for the victim. Historically, many victims do not return to court for this hearing.

This "no show" aspect of the restraining order process has been a frustration to judges and court personnel. Various studies show that with the support and follow-up of domestic violence court advocates victims are more likely to appear in court for this proceeding (Appendix I).

Types of advocacy

There are several different types of victim advocates for victims of domestic violence and numerous types of organizations which sponsor them. This project surveyed advocacy services from three types of advocates. They are:

- a specialized domestic violence victim advocate who helps with **civil** 209A work and is present in the court (these advocates may come from the District Attorney's office, battered women's programs, a law school, etc.)
- a general victim advocate who is available to help with **civil** 209A petitions among many other functions (the majority of these general advocates are victim/witness advocates from District Attorneys' offices, a few other general advocates come from legal services or law schools.)

- a specialized domestic violence victim advocate who helps with **civil** 209A work and is *available by prior arrangement* or on an *on call basis* (these advocates may be from a battered women's program, a District Attorney's office, a legal services program, etc.)

While most of the specialized domestic violence advocates come from battered women's programs, District Attorneys' offices, and law schools, it should be noted that none of these sources is mandated to provide this service. General victim/witness advocates working out of the District Attorneys' offices serve victims of all violent crimes who are involved in court proceedings; most are criminal proceedings which include such offenses as homicide, motor vehicular homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, and larceny. District Attorneys have not been provided sufficient financial resources to cover all **civil** (non-criminal) domestic violence cases in their counties.

The battered women's programs have always provided shelter, safety and support for victims of abuse. Many have extended themselves to help clients in the courts.

Likewise, law schools and legal services programs have extended their programs to provide free domestic violence court advocacy services.

The Survey

In January of 1993, survey forms were sent to every Clerk Magistrate, Register of Probate, battered women's service program, District Attorney's office, law school and legal services program to identify existing specialized domestic violence court advocacy services. Courtesy copies of the survey were sent to the presiding justice of each court. Forms were also sent to selected law firms in the Boston area. The information requested in the survey forms was designed to determine the availability of advocacy services for persons seeking **civil** protection in the courts under Chapter 209A. A sample form can be found in Appendix III. A total of 339 forms were sent to a total of 196 public and private organizations.

Respondents were asked to furnish information reflecting *a typical week in January 1993*. Information regarding future plans was not included although several of the District

Attorneys' offices indicated that they will be expanding coverage to additional courts during 1993.

All data collected by the survey was self-reported; information appears as it was reported. The self-reports were accepted without verification except when conflicting information was received. In those cases, information was reconciled through follow-up phone calls to the reporting parties.

The information generated by this survey is descriptive, not evaluative. This report is not an evaluation of services being rendered throughout the Commonwealth. Rather, it is a description of what services exist and where.

The gathering of this data has served two purposes. First, it has allowed identification of unserved and underserved areas in the Commonwealth where additional resources are needed to provide specialized domestic violence court advocacy. Second, it provides a practical directory to guide victims and those helping them to find domestic violence court advocates throughout the Commonwealth.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part outlines the specific procedures and protocols that must be followed when recording transactions. This includes details on how data should be collected, stored, and reviewed to ensure its integrity and reliability.

3. The third part addresses the role of the management team in overseeing the record-keeping process. It stresses the need for regular communication and collaboration between the management and the staff responsible for maintaining the records.

4. The fourth part discusses the importance of training and education for the staff involved in the record-keeping process. It highlights that ongoing training is necessary to ensure that the staff are up-to-date with the latest practices and technologies.

5. The fifth part concludes by summarizing the key points discussed in the document and reiterating the commitment to maintaining high standards of record-keeping.

FINDINGS

Finding 1. Advocates are not present in all courthouses of the Commonwealth neither are they present at all times when victims of domestic violence come to seek protection.

Of the 83 District Courts and Probate and Family Courts in the Commonwealth, where victims of domestic violence may petition for restraining orders, 11 courts have no advocates present to help victims at any time while court is in session. Of those 11 courts, 2 are District Courts and 9 are Probate and Family Courts (Table F.1). Another 19 courts have coverage by specialized domestic violence court advocates only during *some of the time* they are in session. Of these 19 courts, 17 are District Courts and 2 are Probate and Family courts (Tables F.1 & F.4 and Appendix III). The remainder of the courts have fulltime coverage by specialized domestic violence court advocates or general victim/witness advocates when they are in session.

Finding 2. Specialized domestic violence court advocates are not present in all the trial courts of the Commonwealth where victims of domestic violence come to seek protection by petitioning for restraining orders.

Of the 83 District Courts and Probate and Family Courts where victims of domestic violence may petition for restraining orders, 38 courts have no *specialized* domestic violence advocacy present when court is in session. Of these courts with no specialized domestic violence advocates, 29 are District Courts and 9 are Probate and Family Courts (Table F.4 and Appendix III). Nineteen courts have partial coverage (not present during all working hours) by specialized domestic violence advocates and 26 courts have fulltime coverage by specialized domestic violence advocates (Table F.1). Of the partially covered courts, 17 are District Courts and 2 are Probate and Family Courts (Table F.1 and Appendix III).

Of the courts with fulltime specialized domestic violence advocates, 22 are District Courts and 4 are Probate and Family Courts (Table F.1 and Appendix III).

Finding 3. District Attorney victim/witness programs are major providers of general victim advocacy in the Commonwealth.

In at least 66 of the 68 District Courts, general victim/witness advocates are available to help victims of violent crimes. These advocates serve victims of **all** violent crimes and usually carry quite a heavy workload. In 68 of the 101 trial courts of the Commonwealth (these include the District Courts and Probate and Family Courts as well as the Superior Courts, Boston Municipal Court and Boston Juvenile Court), general victim/witness advocates work in combination with other specialized domestic violence advocates. In 40 of the 101 trial courts, general victim/witness advocates are the only available providers of assistance to domestic abuse victims seeking **civil** 209A petitions. Of these courts, 27 are District Courts, 12 are Superior Courts and one is Boston Juvenile Court.

Finding 4. In a few courts, specialized domestic violence advocacy services are available on an *on call/by appointment* basis.

Fifteen of the 101 trial courts in Massachusetts (all District Courts and Probate and Family Courts as well as all Superior Courts, Boston Municipal Court and Boston Juvenile Court) rely on *on call/by appointment* specialized domestic violence advocacy. Of these, 6 courts depend upon *on call/by appointment* advocates as their only source of advocacy; 9 use the *on call/by appointment* advocates to cover times when neither victim/witness advocates nor specialized domestic violence advocates are present in court. Of the 15 courts using *on call/by appointment* advocates as their primary source of advocacy during particular times, 9 are District Courts, 2 are Superior Courts and 4 are Probate and Family Courts. (Table F.1 shows these results without the inclusion of the Superior Courts, Boston Municipal Court or Boston Juvenile Court.)

Finding 5. Advocacy support in Massachusetts is inadequate to provide the specialized services needed by domestic abuse victims.

In Fiscal Year 1992, 16,868 petitions for **civil** restraining orders were filed in the 38 District and Probate Courts where no specialized domestic violence advocates are present (Table F.2; Appendix III.)

Even when advocates are present, the number of specialized domestic violence advocates is often not adequate to serve the number of restraining order petitioners. (Table R.1) There were over 54,000 restraining order petitions filed in Fiscal Year 1992 in the combined 101 trial courts of Massachusetts. Of those petitioners, fewer than 9,500 (17.6%) were accompanied through the court process by a specialized domestic violence court advocate provided by a battered women's service group (Table F.3). Specialized domestic violence court advocates have only begun to become available through the District Attorneys' offices since the Massachusetts' Legislature appropriated of special funding to the District Attorneys to establish Domestic Violence Units in Fiscal Year 1993.

Finding 6. Although the abuse statute allows Superior Courts to issue restraining orders, in practice nearly all restraining orders are issued by the District Courts and the Probate and Family Courts.

Although the Massachusetts statute providing for restraining orders permits their issuance by Superior Courts, survey information indicates that most Superior Courts refer restraining order petitioners to the District Courts or the Probate and Family Courts. The number of restraining order petitions filed in the Superior Courts for Fiscal Year 1992 was combined with others in a general miscellaneous category in the 1992 Trial Court Reports.

GENERAL FINDINGS CHART

District and Probate and Family Courts Summary of Specialized
Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service

Type of Court	Number of Courts	Number of courts with full time specialized d/v advocate coverage	Number of courts with part time specialized d/v advocate coverage	Number of courts with only general victim/witness advocates available to help with civil 209A's	Total number of courts with specialized d/v and/or general advocates	Courts with only <i>on call</i> or <i>by appointment</i> d/v advocates	Courts with no d/v advocate coverage
District	68	22	17	27	66	Brighton	Spencer
Probate and Family	15	4	2		6	Berkshire Franklin Hampshire Nantucket	Bristol Essex Middlesex Norfolk Suffolk
Total	83	26	19	27	72	5	6

Table F.1

COMPARISON OF 209A FILINGS TO SPECIALIZED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATES PER COURT

Court by County	Total number of 209A's filed in Fiscal Year 1992	Total FTE* of specialized advocates in court per year
BARNSTABLE		
Probate and Family	431	1
Barnstable District	1152	.6
Orleans District	516	.8
BERKSHIRE		
Probate and Family	116	0
Central Berkshire District	612	1
Northern Berkshire District**	335	0
Southern Berkshire District**	170	0
BRISTOL		
Probate and Family	183	0
Attleboro District	866	1
Fall River District	1181	0
New Bedford District	1126	0
Taunton District	866	1
DUKES		
Probate and Family**	1	1
Edgartown District	145	.4

TABLE F.2 FY 1992 209A Filings Per Court; January 1993 Specialized Domestic Violence Advocate Services, Listed by County for District Courts & Probate and Family Courts

* Full Time Equivalents
 ** Indicates a court that is open less than 5 days a week
 Shading indicates courts with no specialized domestic violence advocacy services

Court by County	Total number of 209A's filed in Fiscal Year 1992	Total FTE* of specialized advocates in court per year
ESSEX		
Probate and Family	428	0
Gloucester**	335	0
Haverhill District	900	0
Ipswich District**	88	0
Lawrence District	1801	3
Lynn District	1839	.4
Newburyport District	392	1
Peabody District	422	0
Salem District	1066	0
FRANKLIN		
Probate and Family	182	0
Greenfield District	382	.8
Orange District**	214	.6
HAMPDEN		
Probate and Family	905	2
Chicopee District	486	0
Holyoke District	773	0
Palmer District**	646	0
Springfield District	2330	0
Westfield District	300	0
HAMPSHIRE		
Probate and Family	98	0
Northampton District	772	.4
Ware District**	252	1

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Court by County	Total number of 209A's filed in Fiscal Year 1992	Total FTE* of specialized advocates in court per year
MIDDLESEX		
Probate and Family	230	0
Ayer District	623	0
Cambridge District	765	1+
Concord District	309	0
Framingham District	660	1
Lowell District	1762	0
Malden District	1240	0
Marlborough District	477	0
Natick District	170	0
Newton District	279	0
Somerville District	1096	0
Waltham District	524	0
Woburn District	735	1
NANTUCKET		
Probate and Family	2	0
Nantucket District**	90	1
NORFOLK		
Probate and Family	395	0
Brookline District	255	1+
Dedham District	364	1+
Quincy District	1695	1+
Stoughton District	244	1+
Wrentham District	498	1+

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Court by County	Total number of 209A's filed in Fiscal Year 1992	Total FTE* of specialized advocates in court per year
PLYMOUTH		
Brockton Probate		1
Plymouth Probate	1306	1
Brockton District	1027	2
Hingham District	456	1
Plymouth District	637	1
Wareham District	525	1
SUFFOLK		
Probate and Family	225	0
Brighton District	505	0
Charlestown District	105	0
Chelsea District	572	0
Dorchester District	2251	1+
East Boston District	851	0
Roxbury District	1075	3
South Boston District	463	0
West Roxbury District	1311	1

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Court by County	Total number of 209A's filed in Fiscal Year 1992	Total FTE* of specialized advocates in court per year
WORCESTER		
Probate and Family	1217	1
Clinton District**	231	0
Dudley District	579	0
Fitchburg District	572	.8
Gardner District**	396	.8
Leominster District	458	.8
Milford District	434	0
Spencer District	337	0
Uxbridge District	314	1
Westborough District	296	0
Winchendon District	85	1
Worcester District	1132	4

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BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES ADVOCACY ASSISTANCE IN COURT

Total Number of 209A Petitioners Accompanied to Court by Battered Women's Service Groups Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates Compared to Number of 209A Petitions Filed per Year		
Year	Total Number of Petitions Filed	Total Number of Petitioners Accompanied by Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates*
FY 1993 (through March 1993)	Not Available	13,489
FY 1992	≈54,240**	9,416
FY 1991	≈44,261**	9,361
FY 1990	≈38,000**	6,641

Table F.3

* Advocates may be stationed in court or available on an *on call* or by appointment basis.

** Approximate numbers

Data provided by the Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups

**COURT ADVOCATE ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL 209A PETITIONERS
(BY COUNTY)**

Name of Court	Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates From Any Source			General Victim/Witness Advocates Available for Civil 209A Help*	
	Full Time in Court	Part Time in Court	On Call or by Appointment	Full time	Part time
BARNSTABLE					
Probate and Family	X				
Barnstable District		X		X	
Orleans District		X		X	
BERKSHIRE					
Probate and Family			X		
Central Berkshire District	X				
Northern Berkshire District			X		X
Southern Berkshire District			X	X	
BRISTOL					
Probate and Family					
Attleboro District		X		X	
Fall River District			X	X	
New Bedford District			X	X	
Taunton District		X		X	
DUKES					
Probate and Family		X			
Edgartown		X	X		X
ESSEX					
Probate and Family					
Gloucester District			X		X
Haverhill District		X		X	
Ipswich District					X
Lawrence District	X			X	
Lynn District		X		X	
Newburyport District	X			X	
Peabody District				X	
Salem District			X	X	

Table F.4

* Indicates only victim/witness advocates available to civil 209A petitioners. The survey did not question the availability of victim/witness advocates for other cases.

Name of Court	Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates From Any Source			General Victim/Witness Advocates Available for Civil 209A Help*	
	Full Time in Court	Part Time in Court	On Call or by Appointment	Full time	Part time
FRANKLIN					
Probate and Family			X		
Greenfield District		X	X	X	
Orange District		X	X	X	
HAMPDEN					
Probate and Family	X		X		
Chicopee District			X		X
Holyoke District			X	X	
Palmer District			X	X	
Springfield District	X			X	
Westfield District			X	X	
HAMPSHIRE					
Probate and Family			X		
Northampton District		X	X	X	
Ware District	X				
MIDDLESEX					
Probate and Family					
Ayer District				X	
Cambridge District	X				
Concord District				X	
Framingham District	X		X		
Lowell District	X				
Malden District	X				
Marlborough District					X
Natick District					X
Newton District				X	
Somerville District				X	
Waltham District				X	
Woburn District		X		X	

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Name of Court	Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates From Any Source			General Victim/Witness Advocates Available for Civil 209A Help*	
	Full Time in Court	Part Time in Court	On Call or by Appointment	Full time	Part time
NANTUCKET					
Probate and Family			X		
Nantucket District		X			X
NORFOLK					
Probate and Family					
Brookline District	X				
Dedham District	X				
Quincy District	X				
Stoughton District	X				
Wrentham District	X				
PLYMOUTH					
Brockton Probate and Family	X				
Plymouth Probate and Family	X				
Brockton District	X				
Hingham District	X				
Plymouth District	X				
Wareham District	X				
SUFFOLK					
Probate and Family					
Boston Juvenile				X	
Boston Municipal	X				
Brighton District			X		
Charlestown District			X	X	
Chelsea District			X	X	
Dorchester District	X				
East Boston District			X	X	
Roxbury District	X				
South Boston District				X	
West Roxbury District	X		X		

Table F.4

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Name of Court	Specialized Domestic Violence Advocates From Any Source			General Victim/Witness Advocates Available for Civil 209A Help*	
	Full Time in Court	Part Time in Court	On Call or by Appointment	Full time	Part time
WORCESTER					
Probate and Family		X			
Clinton District					X
Dudley District				X	
Fitchburg District		X		X	
Gardner District		X		X	
Leominster District		X			X
Milford District					X
Spencer District					
Uxbridge District		X			X
Westborough District				X	
Winchendon District		X	X		X
Worcester District		X	X	X	

Table F.4

* Indicates only victim/witness advocates available to civil 209A petitioners. The survey did not question the availability of victim/witness advocates for other cases.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are offered as initial steps to address the need for more advocacy and support services for persons seeking restraining orders in the courts of the Commonwealth:

1. It is necessary to have *at least* one specialized domestic violence advocate present in each District and Probate and Family Court of the Commonwealth at all times when that court is in session to help with **civil** (pre-criminal) 209A petitions. Additional advocates are necessary in courts with large numbers of domestic violence cases.
2. Resources must be mobilized so that specialized domestic violence court advocates are present in every District Court and Probate and Family Court in the Commonwealth. The courts with the greatest unmet needs (Table R.1) should be given priority consideration when additional resources are provided.
3. Training standards and programs for **civil** 209A advocates, regardless of their affiliation, need to be developed. Resources must be found to support this activity. A system for voluntary certification of specialized domestic violence court advocates should be designed.
4. Specialized domestic violence court advocates must be part of a "comprehensive community response" to domestic abuse. This "comprehensive community response" is defined as a community support network that includes police, battered women's programs, emergency medical facilities, legal advocates, housing advocates, the Department of Social Services and various social service resources which provide counsel and assistance for victims of domestic abuse.
5. Standards for supervision, accountability and manageable case loads for domestic violence court advocates need to be developed. Standards must provide for effective coordination with prosecutors on behalf of victims when court orders are violated and when criminal charges are sought.

ADVOCACY NEEDS RANKING

Court Name	Number of 209A Petition Filed in FY 1992
Courts with no specialized domestic violence court advocates and more than 1,000 209A petitions filed	
Fall River District	1181
New Bedford District	1126
Somerville District	1066
Salem District	1066
Courts with no specialized domestic violence court advocates and between 999 and 500 209A petitions filed	
East Boston District	851
Holyoke District	413
Palmer District	579
Ayer District	623
Dudley District	579
Chelsea District	572
Waltham District	524
Brighton District	505
Chicopee District	486
Courts with no specialized domestic violence court advocates and between 500 and 50 209A petitions filed	
Marlborough District	477
South Boston District	463
Milford District	434
Essex Probate and Family	428
Peabody District	422
Barnstable Probate and Family	413
Norfolk Probate and Family	395
Spencer District	337
Northern Berkshire District Gloucester District	335
Concord District	309
Westfield District	300
Westborough District	296
Newton District	279
Clinton District	231
Middlesex Probate and Family	296
Suffolk Probate and Family	225
Franklin Probate and Family	182
Natick District Southern Berkshire District	170
Berkshire Probate and Family	116
Charleston District	105
Hampshire Probate and Family	98
Ipswich District	88

Table R.1 District and Probate and Family Courts with no specialized domestic violence court advocate services. Ranked in descending order according to volume of 209A orders filed.

PART II
DIRECTORY OF ADVOCACY SERVICES



DIRECTORY

The Directory provides a court by court description of advocacy services available to individuals seeking domestic violence court advocacy at the **civil** (pre-criminal) stage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The courts are organized by county and include District, Probate and Family, Superior, Boston Municipal and Boston Juvenile. Readers wishing to locate a particular court should refer to the Table of Contents for the page of the county in which that court is located. If the reader knows only the town name and is not sure of the county or court, that information may be found in Appendix VI. The information presented for each court is based on survey information provided by the organizations named in the narrative following the chart. Where information was obtained from a source other than the one described in the entry, the entry states that the service(s) "may be provided."

The services available in each court are shown first in a chart which summarizes the coverage using symbols. They are then described more fully in the text below the chart. The symbols appearing in the charts are:

- in court coverage by specialized domestic violence advocates for **civil** 209A petitions
- in court coverage by general advocates who will help with **civil** 209A petitions
- * *on call* or by appointment coverage by specialized domestic violence advocates for **civil** 209A petitions

While many services may exist in a particular court simultaneously, only one symbol appears in each of a court's time periods. That symbol represents the most comprehensive domestic violence advocacy service being offered to **civil** 209A petitioners at that time.

A detailed list of resources for each county including names, contact persons and phone numbers appears at the end of each county's section. Thus, it is possible to identify a service provider for a given court and then turn to the resource page for exact information on how to locate that provider.

The information on the court charts reflects a typical week in January, 1993, the month when the survey data was collected. The data was self-reported by the service providers and has been accepted without independent verification.

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The second part of the document describes the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed discussion of the different types of data that are collected, such as financial data, operational data, and customer data. It also describes the various techniques used to analyze this data, including statistical analysis, data mining, and machine learning.

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BARNSTABLE COUNTY

Barnstable District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	○	●	○	●
PM	●	○	●	○	●

- Independence House has advocates in court to help with initial civil 209A petitions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Orleans District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- Independence House has advocates in court on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning to help with initial civil 209A petitions.
- District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Barnstable Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- Independence House has advocates in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- Legal Services for Cape Cod and Islands, Inc. has one Lawyer of the Day in court daily. They provide help especially for 10 day hearings.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by appointment or standing by on call

Barnstable County, continued:

Barnstable Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- District Attorney's Office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Contacts for Barnstable County:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
CAPE & ISLANDS DISTRICT:** Tom Kirkman,
ADA, Director Domestic Violence Unit, 508-362-
8113,
or Judith Wright, VWA, 508-362-8103

INDEPENDENCE HOUSE: Sandra Blatchford,
Coordinator Battered Women's Advocacy
Project, 508-771-6507 (This program receives funding
from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

**LEGAL SERVICES FOR CAPE COD AND
ISLANDS, INC.:** Patricia A. Pap, Executive
Director, 508-775-7020

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Kerry Mahoney Haskell,
508-746-2664

CODES:

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specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by appointment
or standing by on call

BERKSHIRE COUNTY

Central Berkshire District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- The District Attorney's office has one specialized domestic violence advocate in court daily.
- Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project has a specialized domestic violence court advocate daily to help with civil 209A petitions if prior arrangements are made.
- Western Massachusetts Legal Services has one to two attorneys in court daily but refers civil 209A petitioners to Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project.

Northern Berkshire District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	*	○
PM	○	○	○	*	○

- District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court all day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project has a specialized domestic violence advocate available daily to help with civil 209A petitions if prior arrangements are made.
- Western Massachusetts Legal Services has one to two attorneys in court daily but refers civil petitioners to Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project.
- NOTE: Court may be closed on Thursday.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Berkshire County, continued:

Southern Berkshire District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	*	*	○	○
PM	○	*	*	○	○

- District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court all day Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project has specialized domestic violence advocates available to help with civil 209A petitions if prior arrangements are made.
- Western Massachusetts Legal Services has one or two attorneys in court daily, but refers civil 209A petitions to Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc., AWARE Project.
- NOTE: This court may be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday.
Phone: 413-528-3520

Berkshire Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	*	*	*	*	*
PM	*	*	*	*	*

- Women's Services of Western Massachusetts, Inc. AWARE Project has a specialized domestic violence advocate available to help with civil 209A petitions daily if prior arrangements are made.
- Western Massachusetts Legal Services has one to two attorneys in court daily.

CODES:

● =	specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
○ =	general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
* =	specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Berkshire County, continued:

Berkshire Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- District Attorney's office has one to two general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Contacts for Berkshire County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY:

Elizabeth Keegan, Victim/Witness Director,
413-443-3500, Hotline 413-442-0512

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS LEGAL
SERVICES:** Amy Yanni, Staff Attorney,
413-449-1950

**WOMEN'S SERVICES OF WESTERN
MASSACHUSETTS, INC., AWARE
PROJECT:** Pamela Hawkins,
413-449-2425 (This program receives funding from the
federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Jane Lindfors,
413-732-3121

CODES:

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specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement
or standing by on call

BRISTOL COUNTY

Attleboro District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- New Hope has advocates in court every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Fall River District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.
- SSarr Women's Center has advocates for civil 209A petitions on an on call basis daily.

New Bedford District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.
- SSarr Women's Center has advocates for civil 209A petitions on an on call basis daily.
- New Bedford Women's Center may have two advocates daily for civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Bristol County, continued:

Taunton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	○	○	○	○

- New Hope has advocates in court all day Monday and on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Bristol Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM					
PM					

Bristol Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts in Bristol County:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF
BRISTOL COUNTY:**

Michelle Stanton, Victim/Witness Director,
508-997-0711

NEW HOPE: Jean Farnham, Legal Advocate,
Attleboro - 508-695-2113
Taunton - 508-824-4757

**SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
LEGAL ASSISTANCE CORP.:** Michael E.
Alexander, Executive Director,
508-997-9781

**SSTAR (STANLEY STREET TREATMENT
AND RESOURCES) WOMEN'S CENTER,**
Domestic Violence Program: Margaret A.
Gentile, MA, Coordinator, Domestic Violence
Program, 508-679-5222 ext. 295

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Kerry Mahoney Haskell,
508-746-2664

DUKES COUNTY

(Martha's Vineyard)

Edgartown District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	★	★	●	●
PM	★	★	★	●	●

- Women's Support Services has two full time advocates in court for civil 209A petitions on Thursday and Friday and may provide on call services at other times.
- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate present in court on Monday morning and all day Thursday and Friday.

Dukes County Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM			●		
PM			●		

- Women's Support Services has an advocate in court for civil 209A petitioners twice a month on Wednesday when the court is open.

Dukes County Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○			○	○
PM				○	○

- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court on Monday morning and all day Thursday and Friday.
- **NOTE:** This court is open only two months of the year. Court phone 508-627-4668

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Dukes County:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
CAPE & THE ISLANDS:** Tom Kirkman, ADA,
Director Domestic Violence Unit, 508-362-8113,
or Marnie Edwards, VWA, 508-627-7780.

A SAFE PLACE: Deanna M. Bowen, Crisis
Intervention Coordinator, 508-228-0561

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES/
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY
SERVICES:** Susan Norton, Senior Court
Advocate/Counselor, 508-693-7900 ext. 218,
(This program receives domestic violence advocacy funding
from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Kerry Mahoney Haskell,
508-746-2664

ESSEX COUNTY

Gloucester District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○		○	*
PM	○	○		○	*

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates in court all day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (occasionally they may be able to help with civil 209A petitions).
- HAWC has advocates on call as available to help with civil 209a petitions.
- Note: No judge available on Wednesday.

Haverhill District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- Women's Resource Center provides one advocate every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates available daily.

Ipswich District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM				○	
PM					

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates available on Thursday morning.
- Note: Court is open only on Thursday.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Essex County, continued:

Lawrence District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- The District Attorney's office has three domestic violence advocates in court daily. Briefings are conducted at 1:15 PM daily.
- Women's Resource Center may have an advocate every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.

Lynn District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	○	○	○	●
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- HAWC has advocates in court on Monday and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM and on Wednesday by request to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has three general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Newburyport District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- Women's Crisis Center provides one to two advocates in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Essex County, continued:

Peabody District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Salem District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates in court daily.
- HAWC has advocates on call to help with civil 209A petitions daily on request.

Essex Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM					
PM					

Essex Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM					
PM					

- Petitioners are referred to victim/witness advocates in the District Court.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Essex County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR ESSEX COUNTY:

Gloucester District Court, Susan Capodilupo, 508-283-3701
Haverhill District Court, Rachel Hickey, 508-374-0380
Ipswich District Court, Cindy Shoer, 508-745-6610
Lawrence District Court, Fay Ciaramitaro, 508-688-1147
Lynn District Court, Ralph J. Vaccari, 617-581-3741
Newburyport District Court, Tyler Burke, 508-462-3511
Peabody District Court, Christine Pia-Lawler, 508-532-4140
Salem District Court, Cheryl Watson, 508-744-5481

HAWC (HELP FOR ABUSED WOMEN AND CHILDREN):

Kathleen Gilmore, Legal Advocate, 508-744-6841 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BOSTON, REFUGEE VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

Barbara Russell, 617-536-1081, Provide counseling, advocacy and court accompaniment for refugee/immigrant victims of domestic violence. Bilingual and Bicultural staff (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, Kathleen Draper or Susan Elsen, 617-599-7730

WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER OF GREATER NEWBURYPORT:

Pamela Lee or Connie Bransfield, 508-465-2155

REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR: Jennifer Robertson, 508-465-2155

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Greenfield District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	○	●	●	●
PM	●	○	●	●	●

- The District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates in court daily and one specialized domestic violence advocate in court on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- NELCWIT has an advocate available upon request daily except Wednesday to help with civil 209A petitions.
- Necessities/Necesidades will send an advocate to help with civil 209A petitions if requested.
- Franklin County Bar Advocates for Women will send an advocate to help with civil 209A petitions if requested.

Orange District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM		●	○		●
PM		●	○		○

- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court when it is in session and one specialized domestic violence advocate on Tuesday. Briefing sessions are offered on Tuesday and Friday at 8:45 AM.
- NELCWIT provides advocates on an on call basis.
- Franklin County Bar Advocates for Women will send an advocate to help with civil 209A petitions if requested.
- **NOTE:** There is usually no judge in this court on Monday or Thursday.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Franklin County, continued:

Franklin Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	*	*		*	*
PM	*	*		*	*

- NELCWIT will send a specialized domestic violence advocate to court upon request every day but Wednesday to help with civil 209A petitions.

Franklin Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has three general victim/witness advocates available to this court if needed daily; one specialized domestic violence advocate is available if requested.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Franklin County:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE
NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:**

Sandra Staub, ADA & Director, Domestic
Violence Unit, 413-774-3186

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT:** Bette Babinski, Family
Services Officer, 413-774-7011

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BAR ADVOCATES
FOR WOMEN:** Linda S. Singer, Director,
413-773-9839

NECESSITIES/NECESIDADES, INC.: Gail
Kielson, 413-586-1125

**NELCWIT, (NEW ENGLAND LEARNING
CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION):**

Linda Viens, Legal Advocate, 413-772-0806
(This program receives funding from the federal Victims of
Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for
Victim Assistance).

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Jane Lindfors,
413-732-3121

HAMPDEN COUNTY

Chicopee District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	*	○	○
PM	○	○	*	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Womanshelter/Companeras will send a specialized domestic violence advocate to help with civil 209A petitions if prior arrangements are made.

Holyoke District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has two general victim/witness advocates and interns in court daily.
- Womanshelter/Companeras will send a specialized domestic violence advocate to help with civil 209A petitions if prior arrangements are made.

Palmer District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	⚡	○	○	○	⚡
PM	⚡	○	○	○	⚡

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates in court all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- ARCH will send a specialized domestic violence advocate if prior arrangements are made.
- **Note:** Court is only in session on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Hampden County, continued:

Springfield District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- The District Attorney's office has two domestic violence advocates as well as interns in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- ARCH may provide one advocate on Monday and Friday to help with civil 209A petitions.

Westfield District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.
- New Beginnings will send an advocate on request to help with civil 209A petitions.

Hampden Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	●	●	●	●	●

- The District Attorney's office has two domestic violence advocates and interns in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- New Beginnings, ARCH and Womanshelter/Companeras will all send advocates on request to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Hampden County, continued:
Hampden Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Contacts for Hampden County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF HAMPDEN COUNTY:

Hampden Probate and Family Court: Maria F. Rodriguez, Director,
Domestic Violence Intervention Project, 413-781-8100
or Carolyn Cartelli, Advocate Coordinator,
DA's Project, 413-781-8100 ext. 2119

Chicopee District Court: Maura O'Neill 413-594-7657

Holyoke District Court: Carol Allan, 413-538-7152

Palmer District Court: Shelia McCarthy, 413-283-2388

Springfield District Court: Maria F. Rodriguez, Director, District Attorney's
Domestic Violence Intervention Project, 413-781-8100
or Carolyn Cartelli, Advocate Coordinator 413-781-8100 ext. 2119

Westfield District Court: John Bonini, 413-572-1454

WOMANSHELTER/COMPANERAS: 413-536-1628

YWCA/ ARCH: Brenda Lopez, 413-733-1588

YWCA/NEW BEGINNINGS: 413-562-1920

REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR: Jane Lindfors,
413-732-3121

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

Northampton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	●	○	●	○
PM	○	●	○	●	○

- The District Attorney's office has six general victim/witness advocates or interns in court daily and one specialized domestic violence advocate on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- Necessities/Necesidades will send a specialized domestic violence advocate upon request to help with civil 209A petitions.

Ware District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one domestic violence advocate and/or intern in court all day Monday and Friday and every other Wednesday to help with civil 209A petitions. Domestic Violence briefings and support groups are offered at 8:45 and 1:45 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Court phone 413-967-3301.
- NOTE: There is generally no judge in this court on Tuesday and Thursday.

Hampshire Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- Necessities/Necesidades, Inc. will send advocates on request to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Hampshire County, continued:

Hampshire Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has three general victim/witness advocates available to this court when needed and one specialized domestic violence advocate if requested.

Contacts in Hampshire County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT:

Sandra Staub, ADA & Director, Domestic
Violence Unit, 413-774-3186

NECESSITIES/NECESIDADES:

Gail Kielson, Direct Services Coordinator,
413-586-1125

REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR: Jane Lindfors,
413-732-3121

CODES:

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specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions

specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement
or standing by on call

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Ayer District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.

Cambridge District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one domestic violence advocate and interns in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.

Concord District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Middlesex County, continued:
Framingham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has domestic violence advocates and interns in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- South Middlesex Legal Services has domestic violence advocates available on an on call basis.

Lowell District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has two domestic violence advocates in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- Merrimack Valley Legal Services has two to three lawyers in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- Alternative House has two to three general advocates in court daily.

Malden District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.
- SAF-V has one domestic violence advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions and a general advocate every day but Tuesday.
- Harvard Law School Battered Women's Advocacy Project has an advocate in court Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday morning to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Middlesex County, continued:

Marlborough District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court on Monday and Thursday who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions. Advocates are also on call for 209A petitions when not in court.

Natick District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court on Wednesday who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions. An advocate is also available on an on call basis.

Newton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Middlesex County, continued:

Somerville District Court

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.

Waltham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.

Woburn District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has an advocate in court who is generally available to help with civil 209A petitions.
- SAF-V provides civil 209A advocacy all day Monday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Middlesex County, continued:

Middlesex Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The Court's Family Service Clinic works with parents in abusive situations and attempts to find appropriate community resources for them.

Cambridge Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has three general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Lowell Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has three general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Middlesex County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR MIDDLESEX COUNTY:

MIDDLESEX ABUSE PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROJECT (MAPP),
S. Molly Chaudhuri, Director and Prosecutor, Lucy Conroy, Advocate Coordinator, 617-494-4085,

VICTIM/WITNESS ADVOCATES, Jeff Ryan, Director:

Ayer District Court: Debra Goldman, 508-772-4907

Cambridge District Court: Erin Duggan, Cherine Tulloch, 617-494-4430

Concord District Court: Denise R. Cronin, 508-369-0225

Framingham District Court: 508-825-4141

Lowell District Court: Sonia Arias, Erin McMahon, Vesna Nuon, 508-458-4440

Malden District Court: Esther Velez, 508-322-2020

Marlborough District: Dale Wechsler, 508-485-2338

Newton District Court: Pat Moore, 617-964-6640

Somerville District Court: Cheri MacDonald, 508-625-2521

Waltham District Court: Randy Cain, 617-893-7140

Woburn District Court: Kathy Milcowski, 617-933-9586

ALTERNATIVE HOUSE: Heather Goodrich-Negren, Advocate Coordinator, 508-458-0274

CAMBRIDGEPORT PROBLEM CENTER: Leslie Klein, Executive Director, 617-661-1010

CAMBRIDGE & SOMERVILLE LEGAL SERVICES: 617-494-1800

CASA MYRNA VAZQUEZ: Laila Yasin, 617-262-9581 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES: 617-357-5757, ext.3999

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT:

Brooke Frewing or Jacquelyn Elmore, 617-495-3139

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BOSTON, REFUGEE VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES: Barbara Russell, 617-536-1081, Counseling, advocacy and court accompaniment for refugee/immigrant victims of domestic violence. Bilingual and Bicultural staff (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

MERRIMACK VALLEY LEGAL SERVICES, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY PROJECT: Abbe Hershberg, Staff Attorney/Clinical Supervisor, 508-458-1465

MIDDLESEX PROBATE & FAMILY COURT: Barbara B. Hauser, Director, Family Services Clinic, 617-494-4557

SAF-V (SERVICES AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE): Gert Condon, Program Director, 617-324-2221

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LEGAL SERVICES: Megan H. Christopher, Staff Attorney, 800-696-1501

SOUTH MIDDLESEX OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL: Joan Maressa, 508-872-4853 or 820-0834 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR: Contact Waltham Battered Women's Support Committee at 617-889-8676

NANTUCKET COUNTY

Nantucket District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- A Safe Place has advocates in court to help with civil 209A petitions on Monday in the winter when the court meets only once a week. In the summer, advocates are in court whenever the court is in session which may be four to five times weekly. Court phone: 508-228-0460.
- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court all day Monday and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings when court is in session.

Nantucket Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM				*	
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- A Safe Place has advocates on call to help with civil 209A petitions.
- **NOTE: Court meets once a month on the first Thursday after the second Tuesday as well as one additional session in July.**

Nantucket Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- A Safe Place has advocates on call to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court all day Monday and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.
- **NOTE: To the Clerk's knowledge, no one has ever applied for a 209A at this court. The court meets only twice a year (two weeks in May and again in September).**

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Nantucket County:

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR
CAPE & THE ISLANDS DISTRICT:** Tom
Kirkman, ADA, Director Domestic Violence Unit,
508-362-8113, or Marnie Edwards, VWA,
508-627-7780.

A SAFE PLACE: Deanna M. Bowen, Crisis
Intervention Coordinator, 508-228-0561

**REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
COORDINATOR:** Kerry Mahoney Haskell,
508-746-2664

NORFOLK COUNTY

Brookline District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has civil 209A advocates in court daily.

Dedham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has specialized domestic violence advocates in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.

Quincy District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has civil 209A advocates in court daily.

Stoughton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has civil 209A advocates in court daily.

CODES:

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- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Norfolk County, continued:

Wrentham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has civil 209A advocates in court daily.

Norfolk Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- Contact Pamela Friedman at the Norfolk County District Attorney's office, 617-329-5440 ext.230 for information about civil 209A help in the probate and family court.

Norfolk Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- Civil 209A petitioners are sent to Probate or District Courts which are located across the street from the Superior Court in Dedham.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Norfolk County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR NORFOLK COUNTY:

Sandy Pimentel, Victim/Witness director, 617-329-5400 ext. 232

Pamela Friedman, Clinical Supervisor (handles all 209A petitions as well as briefing and support groups), 617-329-5440 ext.230

Alberta DePesa, Court Supervisor (handles all criminal Domestic Violence complaints), 617-329-5440 ext.274

DOVE (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENDED): Provides advocacy for their shelter clients at any court in the Commonwealth. Also will provide emergency "hot-line" resource information. Call Jennifer Dieringer, 617-471-1234 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BOSTON, REFUGEE VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES: Barbara Russell, 617-536-1081. Provide counseling, advocacy and court accompaniment for refugee/immigrant victims of domestic violence. Bilingual and Bicultural staff (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

SOUTH MIDDLESEX LEGAL SERVICES: Megan H. Christopher, Staff Attorney, 800-696-1501

REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR: Kerry Mahoney Haskell, 508-746-2664

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Brockton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has two domestic violence advocates and two victim/witness advocates in court daily.
- A Womansplace has an advocate in court on Monday and Tuesday mornings to help with civil 209A petitions.

Hingham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- South Shore Women's Center has an advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Plymouth District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- South Shore Women's Center has an advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Plymouth County, continued:

Wareham District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- South Shore Women's Center has an advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Plymouth Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- South Shore Women's Center has an advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.

Brockton Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
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- The District Attorney's office has one domestic violence advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions.
- A Womansplace has an advocate in court on Thursday to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES: ● = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
 ○ = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
 * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Plymouth County, continued:

Plymouth Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- District Attorney's Office has one victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Contacts for Plymouth County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR PLYMOUTH COUNTY:

Michelle Mawn, Victim/Witness Director,
508-584-8120

Sharon Donatelle, ADA, Domestic Violence
Unit, 508-584-8120

A WOMANSPLACE: Betty Owen, Community
Counselor, 508-588-2041

SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER:

Lorinda Sue Giles, Services Coordinator,
508-746-2664 (This program receives funding from the
federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the
Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

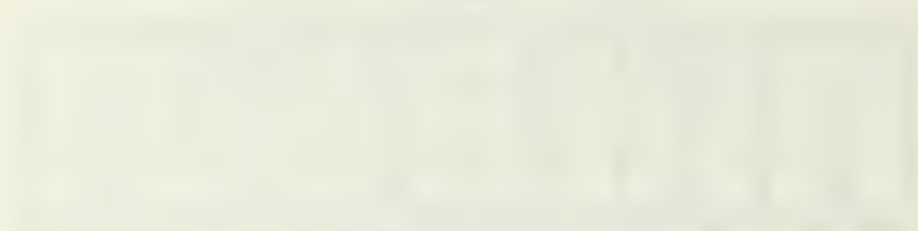
REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCATE: Kerry
Mahoney Haskell, 508-746-2664

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specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions

specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement
or standing by on call



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SUFFOLK COUNTY

Boston Municipal Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- Court has an assistant Clerk Magistrate assigned to civil 209A matters daily.
- The District Attorney's office has one domestic violence advocate present daily to help with civil 209A petitions in addition to a daily general victim/witness advocate.
- Suffolk Battered Women's Advocacy Project has advocates on an on call basis.

Brighton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	*	*	*	*	*
PM	*	*	*	*	*

- Law student advocates are available from Boston University's Battered Women's Program on an on call basis.

Charlestown District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.
- Suffolk Law School has specialized domestic violence advocates to help with civil 209A if called in advance.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Suffolk County, continued:

Chelsea District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate present daily.
- Suffolk Law School Battered Women's Advocacy Project has advocates on an on call basis.
- Harbor Me has one advocate on Monday and Tuesday and three advocates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to help with civil 209A petitions, if arrangements are made ahead of time. They provide on call coverage at other times.

Dorchester District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has a domestic violence advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions as well as two general victim/witness advocates in court daily.
- Northeastern Law School may provide two to three advocates daily to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Suffolk County, continued:

East Boston District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.
- Harbor Me has one advocate on Monday and Tuesday and three advocates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to help with civil 209A petitions, if arrangements are made ahead of time. They provide on call coverage at other times.

Roxbury District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has two domestic violence advocates in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions as well as two general victim/witness advocates.
- Casa Myrna Vazquez' domestic violence advocacy program has at least one domestic violence advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions. The advocates are from Cass Myrna Vazquez, Harvard Law School Battered Women's Advocacy Project, and Boston University School of Law.

South Boston District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Suffolk County, continued:

West Roxbury District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has one domestic violence advocate in court daily to help with civil 209A petitions as well as one general victim/witness advocate.
- Boston University Law School student volunteers are available to help with civil 209A petitions on an on call basis every afternoon.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- A lawyer of the day is often present to help with civil 209A petitions.

Suffolk Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Boston Juvenile Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
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- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Contacts for Suffolk County:

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY:

Janet Fine, Victim/Witness Director, 617-725-8613

Sarah Buel, ADA, Director, Domestic Violence Unit, 617-725-8617

Boston Municipal: Crystal Heck, Domestic Violence Advocate, 617-725-8727

Boston Juvenile: Tim Norris, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-725-8617

Brighton District: Mary T. Tracey, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-782-5236

Charlestown District: Jackie Buckley, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-725-8720

Chelsea District: Iris Hernandez, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-889-4010 or 617-252-0960 ext. 440

Dorchester District: Kara Hayes, Domestic Violence Advocate, 617-287-1195

E. Boston District: Phyllis Lattanzi, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-567-8650

Roxbury District: Cynthia Shelton, Domestic Violence Advocate, 617-445-8618

S. Boston District: Jackie Buckley, Victim/Witness Advocate, 617-269-7777

W. Roxbury District: Lee Nugent, Domestic Violence Advocate, 617-524-8081

ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN AND KIDS IN EMERGENCIES (AWAKE): Children's Hospital, 617-735-7979

BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT: 617-353-3163

CASA MYRNA VAZQUEZ: Laila Yasin, Legal Coordinator, 617-262-9581 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

FENWAY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Steven Taylor, 617-267-0900 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

F.I.N.E.X. HOUSE: (no advocates stationed in courts but will accompany someone who makes arrangements ahead of time), Hotline & TDD: 617-288-1054 (This program receives domestic violence advocacy funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES: 617-357-5757, ext. 3999

HARBOR ME, Donna Alhadeff, Direct Service/ Legal Advocate, 617-884-8974 (This program receives funding from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance).

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL'S BATTERED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT: Brooke Frewing or Jacquelyn Elmore, 617-495-3139.

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REGIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY COORDINATOR: Contact Waltham Battered Women's Support Committee at 617-889-8676

Date		Description		Amount	
1890	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1891	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
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	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1892	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
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	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
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	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1893	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
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	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
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	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	

WORCESTER COUNTY

Clinton District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM		○	○		○
PM		○	○		○

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates in court all day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Dudley District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates in court daily.

Fitchburg District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	○	●	●
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- Battered Women's Resources, Inc., has two domestic violence advocates in court every morning, except Wednesday, to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- ★ = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Worcester County, continued:

Gardner District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	/	●	○	●
PM	○	/	○	○	○

- Battered Women's Resources, Inc., has two domestic violence advocates in court on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- **Note:** Court does not meet on Tuesday; Thursdays are juvenile and small claims sessions.

Leominster District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●		●	●	●
PM	○			○	

- Battered Women's Resources, Inc., has two domestic violence advocates on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and one advocate on Friday morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court on Monday and Thursday.

CODES:

<p>● =</p> <p>○ =</p> <p>* =</p>	<p>specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions</p> <p>general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions</p> <p>specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call</p>
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Worcester County, continued:

Milford District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○			○	○
PM	○			○	○

- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court on Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- Community Counseling Center of Blackstone Valley may have an advocate in court all day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to help with civil 209A petitions.

Spencer District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM					
PM					

- The District Attorney's office has general victim/witness advocates on call.

Uxbridge District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM		○	○		

- Community Counseling Center of Blackstone Valley has a domestic violence advocate in court every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.
- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court all day Tuesday and Wednesday.

CODES:

● =	specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
○ =	general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
★ =	specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Worcester County, continued:

Westborough District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	○	○	○	○	○
PM	○	○	○	○	○

- The District Attorney's office has a general victim/witness advocate in court daily.

Winchendon District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM		●			
PM	*	○	*	*	*

- Battered Women's Resources, Inc. has domestic violence advocates for civil 209A petitioners on Tuesday morning and has on call advocates every afternoon.
- The District Attorney's office has one general victim/witness advocate in court on Tuesday.

Worcester District Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM	*	*	*	*	*

- The District Attorney's office has three specialized domestic violence advocates and three general victim/witness advocates in court each morning and on call each afternoon.
- Daybreak has a domestic violence advocate in court every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

Worcester County, continued:

Worcester Probate and Family Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	●	●	●	●	●
PM					

- Daybreak has a domestic violence advocate in court every morning to help with civil 209A petitions.

Worcester Superior Court:

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
AM	*	*	*	*	*
PM	*	*	*	*	*

- The District Attorney's office has domestic violence advocates on call.

CODES:

- = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) for civil 209A petitions
- = general victim/witness advocate(s) available for civil 209A petitions
- * = specialized domestic violence court advocate(s) available by prior arrangement or standing by on call

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A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS FOR BATTERED WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

- 1990: A woman was murdered every 22 days in Massachusetts.
- 1991: A woman was murdered every 16 days, and two children were killed along with their mothers.
- 1992: In a horrifying escalation, 29 women were murdered at an average of every 12 days in 1992; 17 children and innocent bystanders were also killed as a result of domestic violence.

Thousands of vulnerable women were assisted in finding safety by battered women's programs, which provided the following services:

<i>Service</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>
Received hotline calls	54,796	68,133	69,016	83,198
Sheltered Women	2,029	2,013	1,932	2,596
Sheltered their at-risk children	3,173	3,097	2,543	3,469
Provided peer-support safety planning services	12,714	12,074	8,718	14,303
Helped women obtain court orders	6,641	9,361	9,416	11,166

In FY'90: State funding for Battered Women's programs was cut from \$5.4 million to \$4.8 million.

In FY'91: Programs were able to provide safety planning services to 3,356 fewer women; services which would have helped them plan how to safely leave their batterers and remain safe in the long run. Without these services, the demand for more costly emergency shelter inevitably increased.

In FY'93: A \$2 million increase brought state funding to a \$6.8 million level.

*Note: Stats for 1989 and 1990 are from 26 Coalition members; 1991 and 1992 are from 27 Coalition members. The Woman-at-Risk line item funded 30 Battered Women's Programs.

The Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups strongly supports the need for a coordinated, multi-disciplinary domestic violence response as represented by the funding package proposed by Governor Weld in House I.

Despite progress in overall response to battered women, the incidence of violence in Massachusetts has increased in severity, and the rate of domestic homicides has accelerated dramatically. More must be done to "strengthen the safety net," to protect at-risk women and children and to prevent the tragedies which claimed the lives of 46 victims in 1992.

The following is an overview of why this funding is needed; as well as our recommendations for its most effective and accountable use. Please see the back page regarding adequate funding for battered women's programs.

\$900,000 FOR DSS BATTERED WOMEN'S SPECIALISTS

In years past, DSS social workers often failed to identify domestic violence in their child-abuse caseload, and were therefore unable to help battered mothers protect their children and themselves. (Studies have estimated that at least 50% of abused children have mothers who are also abused.) We recommend that this funding be used to place battered women's specialists in every DSS area office in order to: provide consultation for social workers dealing with battered mothers; as well as replicate a highly successful pilot program which created local multi-disciplinary teams of police, court personnel, social workers, and representatives from battered women's programs and batterer's treatment programs.

\$1,300,000 FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNITS

In FY93, \$150,000 was granted to each District Attorney to establish a Domestic Violence Unit. We recommend that additional funding only be granted pursuant to a favorable review of each county's use of FY93 funding. In addition, we recommend that the need for additional funding be assessed based on geographic size, population, and percentage of linguistic minorities in the county.

\$250,000 TO IMPROVE COURT-BASED ADVOCACY

Battered women who go to court alone are often confused and terrified, and are unable to make the system work for their protection. There are currently numerous pro-bono projects to assist women in 209A cases. However, the trainings, supervision, and availability of these advocates is varied. This funding would allocate \$50,000 to MOVA for a Court Advocacy Coordination Program; as well as \$200,000 granted through MOVA for Regional Legal Advocacy Coordinators to assist battered women's programs in maximizing trained and supervised staff and volunteer potential, and to coordinate efforts with District Attorneys' Domestic Violence Units.

\$100,000 FOR TRAINING COURT PERSONNEL

This would fund the first phase of a comprehensive three year plan developed by the 209A Task Force of the Committee for Gender Equality. This plan would help the various departments of the Trial Court develop consistent standards of practice;

help the Judicial Training Institute develop training curriculums based on these standards; and implement a multi-disciplinary court-based training for all personnel who respond to victims of domestic violence.

\$1.2 MILLION FOR BATTERER'S TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Funding for services that help women at risk should continue to be top priority. However, it's important to realize that improved criminal justice interventions and sanctions alone aren't enough to stop batterers from abusing. This funding should allow DPH to better certify and monitor batterers treatment programs to ensure more effective treatment. These treatment programs must work cooperatively with local battered women's shelters and probation departments, and can be instrumental in helping judges assess batterer's dangerousness when determining appropriate sentencing or probation.

\$600,000 FOR TECHNOLOGY TO FURTHER PROTECT VICTIMS

This money should first fund data collection to assess the effectiveness of technology that alerts the victim and the police when a batterer is nearby. Only after a pilot program has been evaluated as effective for victim safety should purchase of technology be considered. While there is much interest in these systems, manufacturers such as JurisMonitor maintain that the devices are more useful in recording violations than providing security. Data evaluation may also reveal other appropriate uses for this funding. The Coalition recommends flexibility because knowledge of effective batterer's intervention is still developing. Funding could also be used to improve the Central Data Registry System.

\$80,000 TO EOPS TO STUDY DANGEROUSNESS

This should fund studies of batterers to determine profiles of dangerousness in the domestic violence context, and should be made available to court and law enforcement agencies to help them assess the level of risk a batterer poses to his victim. The studies should also identify other protective measures and resources to be made available to victims in high risk cases.

\$250,000 TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION

This would allow the CJTC to evaluate and replicate it's federally- funded, pilot violence prevention training program, which uses law enforcement officials and educator teams to work in the public schools.

\$250,000 TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR PREVENTION

1 out of 4 families are affected by domestic violence, and children in these families learn violent behavior and bring it to school. As a result, teen dating violence has become an epidemic. This should allow the Department of Education to compile violence prevention curricula, to work with the CJTC, and to develop and coordinate violence prevention programs for students statewide.

It is important to note that this funding package does not address the needs of battered women for affordable housing, child care, adequate AFDC benefits, or employment training - the economic empowerments which are crucial if women are to find long-term safety for themselves and their children.

MEMBER PROGRAMS

Alternative House

Lowell

Asian Women's Project

Boston

A Safe Place

Nantucket

Casa Myrna Vasquez, Inc. and
Mary Lawson Foreman House
of CMV

Boston and Dorchester

Daybreak

Worcester

Elizabeth Stone House

Jamaica Plain

F.I.N.E.X. House

Dorchester

Harbor Me

Chelsea

HAWC - Help for Abused
Women and their Children
Salem

Independence House

Hyannis

Necessities/Necesidades

Northampton

NELCWIT - New England

Learning Center for Women

in Transition

Greenfield

New Bedford Women's Center

Battered Women Project

New Bedford

New Hope

Attleboro, Taunton, Norwalk

Our Sister's Place

Fall River

Renewal House

Boston

Respond

Somerville

Services Against Family Violence

Malden

South Shore Women's Center

Plymouth

Transition House

Cambridge

Waltham Battered Women

Support Committee

Waltham

Womanabeter/Companeras

Holyoke

Woman's place

Brockton

Women's Crisis Center

of Greater Newburyport

Newburyport

Women's Protective Services

Frammingham

Women's Resource Center

Lawrence, Haverhill

Women's Resources

Fitchburg, Gardner

Women's Support Services

Martine's Vineyard

YWCA of Western

Massachusetts:

Arch - Springfield

New Beginnings - Westfield

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LIFE-SAVING BATTERED WOMEN'S SERVICES IS CRITICALLY NEEDED.

In November 1992, a survey was sent to Battered Women's Service Providers asking that they assess the existing unmet need for services in their area, and outline their requests for additional funding in the context of their realistic ability to sustain growth in FY'94.

30 out of the 32 programs in the state responded with a total request of \$9,999,568 in additional funding for:

24 HOUR HOTLINE SERVICES

\$916,052

For seventeen programs to: increase coverage; improve supervisory and administrative support; and provide emergency funds to women attempting to leave.

SERVICES FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS

\$2,508,901

For twenty five programs to: expand services to residents; establish a shelter for Asian women; increase all kinds of advocacy; increase or establish overnight coverage; establish services for substance abusing battered women

SERVICES FOR NON-RESIDENTS

\$1,415,219

For twenty three programs to: increase legal advocacy; increase individual and peer-support counseling; increase services to Asian battered women; improve batterer intervention programs; and increase volunteer programs.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

\$715,936

For twenty three programs to: increase children's advocacy; increase child care programs; and establish clinical services.

SERVICES FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

\$527,621

For sixteen programs to: increase services to Asian women; improve handicapped accessibility; increase services for battered lesbians; and improve translation services.

PREVENTION - COMMUNITY OUTREACH

\$1,025,685

For twenty three programs to: establish teen violence prevention programs; and increase outreach and education programs with courts, police, hospitals, human service agencies, schools and businesses.

LONG RANGE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

\$816,156

For twenty one programs to: increase administrative support; improve program development; training and supervision; and increase private fund-raising efforts.

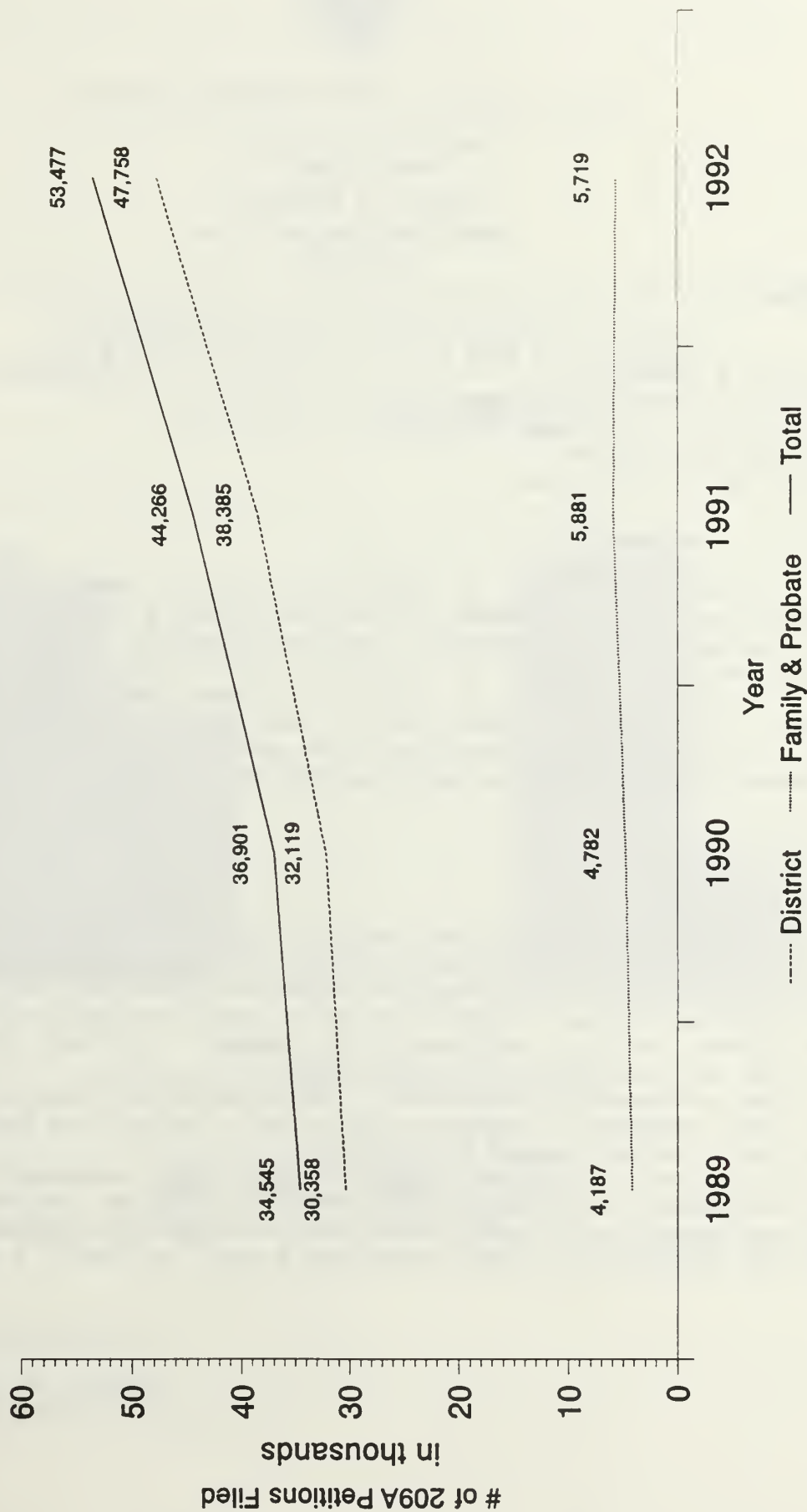
CAPITAL EXPENSES

\$2,572,300

For: a new shelter for addicted battered women; a new shelter for handicapped battered women; costs for two existing and two new transitional living programs; and capital improvements in five existing shelters.

The Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups supports no less than the \$2.8 million increase to women-at-risk programs included in the House I, FY'94 state budget. We will continue to demonstrate that these funds fall far short of meeting the critical need for services for the battered women and at-risk children we serve.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts District & Superior Court 209A Petitions for the period of 1989 - 1992



Victim Witness Assistance Board
 Mass. Office for Victim Assistance
 March 22, 1993



Trial Court of the Commonwealth

DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT
PROBATION OFFICE

Uxbridge Division

UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569
(508) 278-2408

JUSTICE
SARKIS TESHIOAN

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PATRICK B. FOLEY

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Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
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November 10, 1992

Dear Ms. Tewksbury:

I have been asked by Judge Teshioan to keep you informed on the progress of our Domestic Violence Program here in Uxbridge. I have enclosed a graph showing the comparison of the first ten weeks of the program (9/1/92 to 11/9/92) to the same time period last year (9/1/91 to 11/9/91). As you can see from the graph we have showed a significant decrease in the number of cases vacated in 1992, at the same time we also have had an increase in the number of cases filed for the same time period.

9/1/91 to 11/9/91
Filed=54
Vacated=30

9/1/92 to 11/9/92
Filed=73
Vacated=6

It is clear to everyone involved with this program that having advocates in the courthouse for the victims is the primary reason for the significant decrease in vacated orders for 1992. It should be noted that the six cases that have been vacated the victims have been given various services and support by the advocates who continue to have contact with them.

The advocates, (Community Counseling of Blackstone Valley) have also started a support group for victims and because of the response a second group has started.

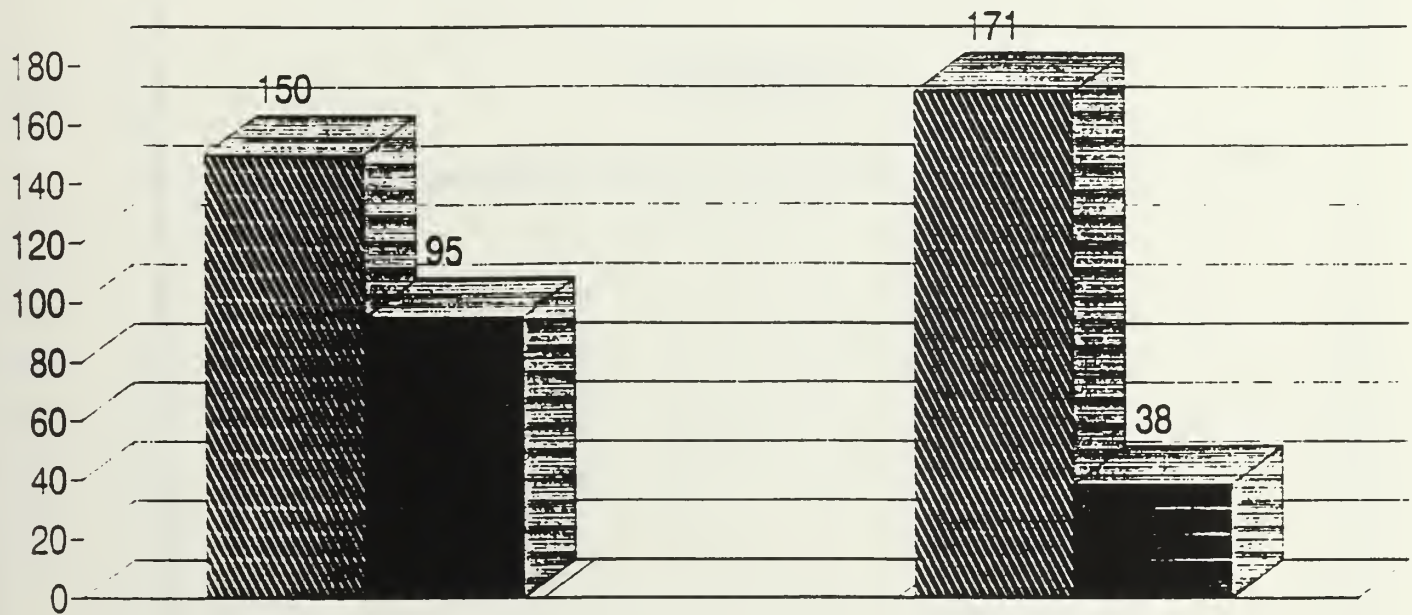
I feel this program will continue to be successful because of the commitment and cooperation from the police, courts, advocates and the community. I will continue to keep you updated and if you have any questions, please give me a call at 508 278 2408.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Lee
Chief Probation Officer

UXBRIDGE COURT 209A

7 MONTH COMPARISON



09/01/91-03/19/92 09/01/92-03/19/93

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APPENDIX II

A Summary of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 209A Amended by St. 1990, c. 403 & 4



**SUMMARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ABUSE PREVENTION ACTS
M.G.L. 209A, 209 AND 209C**

by
S. Molly Chaudhuri
edited by Marilee Kenney Hunt

WHO IS COVERED BY THE CHAPTER 209A STATUTE?

The statute applies to people who:

- are or were married to each other,
- are or were residing together in the same household (this includes gay and lesbian relationships, couples who are living together, parents and children, college roommates and other types of roommates),
- are related by blood, related by marriage or were related by marriage
- have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever been married or lived together;
or
- are or have been in a substantial dating relationship (this also applied to gay and lesbian relationships).

WHAT IS ABUSE?

Chapter 209A defined abuse as:

- actual physical abuse or an attempt to harm another,
- placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm, or
- causing another to engage in sexual relations by force, threat of force or duress.

JURISDICTION: WHERE CAN A VALID 209A ORDER BE ISSUED?

A 209A order may be issued by any trial court in Massachusetts. Specifically they may be ordered by Boston Municipal Court, all Probate and Family Courts, all District Courts and all Superior Courts. Although complaints may be filed in the Superior Courts, it appears that an error in the legislation prohibits the Superior Courts from issuing 209A orders for persons in significant dating relationships. All other courts are empowered to do so.

There are only two district court locations that have venue to issue a 209A order for any given victim:

- the district court for the plaintiff's residence, or
- the district court for the victim's new residence, if the victim has fled to avoid abuse.

It is essential that the 209A be issued by a court with proper jurisdiction.

WHAT CAN BE REQUESTED IN A 209A ORDER?

A court may order that the defendant refrain from abusing, hurting or harassing the victim in any way.

The court may also order the defendant to stay away from the victim at home, work, school or any other place the victim may be. The court can also order the defendant to stay away from places where the plaintiff's child may be (i.e. school, church, temple).

The court may order the defendant to vacate the household regardless of who holds title or is responsible for the lease. This is separate from a stay-away order.

The court may order the defendant to surrender guns, a license to carry a gun or a Firearm Identification (FID) Card.

The court may order temporary custody and/or support for minor children. The court may also award monetary damages arising from the abuse (i.e. destruction of property, loss of work time, medical expenses, etc.) The court may also order a police escort (anticipating that the batterer may be afforded the right to gather his/her belongings from the home), locks changed and the turning over of keys to the home from the batterer to the victim.

The court may impound the victim's address when she files for protection. This is *not* done automatically and should be requested in all cases where the victim has fled to avoid abuse. *It is important that the victim's address not appear in any document to which the defendant may have access.*

The court may recommend batterers' treatment for the defendant.

VIOLATION OF A 209A ORDER:

The violation of a 209A order to refrain from abuse, vacate, stay away or have no contact is a **CRIMINAL** offense. The victim's safety should be considered in all cases especially in light of studies that show increased violence after the criminal system is engaged.

Violation of a 209A protective order is punishable by two and one half years in a house of corrections, a \$5,000 fine or both. If the defendant has no prior record of violent crime, the court may also sentence the defendant to a Department of Social Services certified Batterers' Treatment Program.

PROVING A 209A VIOLATION:

There are four elements to proving a violation of a 209A protective order:

1. A valid 209A order was issued by a court of proper jurisdiction. (You will need a certified copy of the original order for this. *It is essential to have a copy of BOTH SIDES of the order because the back of the order shows proof of service necessary for proving a violation.*)
2. The order must have been in effect on the day of the violation.
3. The defendant must have been served with the order.
4. The defendant must have violated the order.

CHAPTER 208:

Chapter 208 allows the Probate and Family Court to issue vacate and stay-away orders as part of divorce proceedings. For the most part, the scope of these orders can be the same as a 209A order. *Violation of a 208 order is a criminal offense and should be prosecuted in the same manner as a 209A violation.*

CHAPTER 209C:

Chapter 209C allows the Probate and Family Court to issue vacate and stay-away orders as part of proceedings concerning children born out of wedlock. The scope of these orders is the same as a 209A order. *Violation of a 209C order is a criminal offense and should be prosecuted in the same manner as a 209A violation.*

APPENDIX III

- A.) Survey Form
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 - Full Coverage by D/V Advocates
 - Part Time Coverage by D/V Advocates
 - No Coverage by Specialized D/V Advocates



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY DIRECTORY SURVEY

Court Name: _____ Date: _____
(please complete separate form for each court)

Name of Person Completing Form: _____ Title: _____

Name and Address of Program and Sponsor: _____

Name and phone number of a person from your program to be listed as a contact for the Directory:

_____ Title: _____

- Are there advocates (from District Attorney Victim Witness Programs, battered women's programs, battered women's shelters, private law firms, law schools, etc.) available in this court to assist civil 209A petitioners?
YES (continue with #2) NO (if "NO", please return this form in the enclosed envelope.)
- Is the **PRIMARY** function of any of these advocates to help with **CIVIL 209A** petitions? YES NO
- Please indicate on the chart below the number of advocates available during a typical week in January 1993 whose **PRIMARY** responsibility is to help with civil 209A petitions (if you need additional space, photocopy form, complete lower sections only and staple to original):

INDICATE **NUMBER** OF EXCLUSIVELY CIVIL 209A ADVOCATES AVAILABLE

Sponsoring Organization	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM

- Please indicate on the chart below ANY advocates (excluding those indicated above) available to help with civil 209A petitions during a typical week in January 1993 (if you need additional space, photocopy form, complete lower sections only and staple to original):

INDICATE **NUMBER** OF OTHER ADVOCATES PRESENT TO HELP WITH CIVIL 209A's

Sponsoring Organization	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM

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FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SURVEY RESPONSES PER COURT

BY COUNTY

COURT NAME	DA/VW	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
BARNSTABLE COUNTY				
Barnstable Superior	R	R		R
Barnstable Prob. and Fam.	R			R
Barnstable District	R	R		R
Orleans District	R	R	R	
BERKSHIRE COUNTY				
Berkshire Superior	R			
Berkshire Prob. and Family	R	R	R	R
Pittsfield District	R	R	R	R
North Adams District	R	R	R	R
Great Barrington District	R	R	R	R
BRISTOL COUNTY				
Bristol Superior	R	R		
Bristol Prob. and Fam.	R			
Attleboro District	R	R	R	
Fall River District	R		R	
New Bedford District	R	R	R	
Taunton District	R		R	

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Survey Responses, Continued:

COURT NAME	DA/VW	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
DUKES COUNTY				
Dukes County Superior	R			
Dukes County Prob. and Fam.	R	R	R	
Edgartown District	R	R	R	
ESSEX COUNTY				
Essex Superior	R			
Essex Prob. and Fam.	R	R		
Gloucester District	R	R	R	
Ipswich District	R			
Haverhill District	R			
Lawrence District	R	R		
Lynn District	R		R	
Newburyport District	R		R	
Peabody District	R	R		
Salem District	R	R	R	
FRANKLIN COUNTY				
Franklin Superior	R			R
Franklin Prob. and Fam.	R		R	
Greenfield District	R		R	R
Orange District	R	R	R	R

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Survey Responses, Continued:

COURT NAME	DAWV	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
HAMPDEN COUNTY				
Hampden Superior	R	R	R	R
Hampden Prob. and Fam.	R	R	R	R
Chicopee District	R	R	R	R
Holyoke District	R	R	R	R
Palmer District	R			
Springfield District	R	R	R	R
Westfield District	R			
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY				
Hampshire Superior	R			
Hampshire Prob. and Family	R	R		
Northampton District	R			
Ware District	R	R		R
MIDDLESEX COUNTY				
Cambridge Superior	R			R
Cambridge Prob. and Family	R	R		R
Ayer District	R			
Cambridge District	R	R		
Concord District	R	R		

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Survey Responses, Continued

COURT NAME	DAWV	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
MIDDLESEX, CONTINUED:				
Framingham District	R	R		
Lowell District	R		R	R
Malden District	R		R	R
Marlborough District	R	R		
Natick District	R	R		
Newton District	R	R		
Somerville District	R	R		
Waltham District	R			
Woburn District	R		R	
NANTUCKET COUNTY				
Nantucket Superior	R	R	R	
Nantucket Prob. & Fam.	R		R	
Nantucket District	R	R	R	
NORFOLK COUNTY				
Norfolk Superior	R	R		
Norfolk Prob. and Fam.		R		
Brookline District	R	R		
Dedham District	R	R		
Quincy District	R			

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Survey Responses, Continued:

COURT NAME	DAVW	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
NORFOLK COUNTY, CONTINUED:				
Sloughton District	R	R		
Wrentham District	R			
PLYMOUTH COUNTY				
Plymouth Superior				R
Plymouth Prob. and Fam.		R	R	
Brockton Prob. and Fam.	R	R	R	
Brockton District	R		R	
Hingham District	R	R	R	
Plymouth District	R	R	R	
Wareham District	R	R	R	
SUFFOLK COUNTY				
Suffolk District	R			
Boston Municipal Court	R	R		
Brighton District	R			
Charlestown District	R			
Chelsea District	R	R	R	
Dorchester District	R	R		
East Boston District	R		R	
Roxbury District	R			R

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Survey Responses, Continued:

COURT NAME	DAVW	CLERK or REGISTER	BATTERED WOMEN'S PROGRAM	LAW FIRMS, SCHOOLS, SERVICES
SUFFOLK COUNTY, CONTINUED:				
South Boston District	R	R		
West Roxbury District	R	R		
WORCESTER COUNTY				
Worcester Superior	R	R		
Worcester Prob. & Fam.	R	R		
Clinton District	R	R		
Dudley District	R	R	R	
Fitchburg District	R		R	
Gardner District	R	R	R	
Leominster District	R	R	R	
Milford District	R	R	R	
Spencer District	R	R	R	
Uxbridge District	R	R	R	
Westborough District	R		R	
Winchendon District	R	R	R	
Worcester District	R		R	

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**DISTRICT AND PROBATE AND FAMILY COURTS WITH FULL COVERAGE BY
SPECIALIZED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCATES
(By County)**

DISTRICT COURTS	PROBATE AND FAMILY COURTS
Berkshire County	Barnstable
1. Great Barrington	1. Barnstable Probate and Family
2. North Adams	Berkshire
3. Pittsfield	2. Berkshire Probate & Family
Essex County	Dukes
4. Lawrence	3. Dukes Probate and Family
5. Newburyport	Hampden
Hampden County	4. Hampden Probate and Family
6. Springfield	Plymouth
Hampshire County	5. Brockton Probate and Family
7. Ware	6. Plymouth Probate and Family
Middlesex	
8. Cambridge	
9. Framingham	
10. Lowell	
Norfolk	
11. Brookline	
12. Dedham	
13. Quincy	
14. Stoughton	
15. Wrentham	
Plymouth	
16. Brockton	
17. Hingham	
18. Plymouth	
19. Wareham	
Suffolk	
20. Dorchester	
21. Roxbury	
22. West Roxbury	

**DISTRICT AND PROBATE AND FAMILY COURTS WITH PART TIME
COVERAGE BY SPECIALIZED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCATES
(By County)**

DISTRICT COURT	PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Barnstable County	Franklin
1. Barnstable	1. Franklin Probate and Family
2. Orleans	Worcester
Bristol County	2. Worcester Probate and Family
3. Attleboro	
4. Taunton	
Dukes	
5. Edgartown	
Essex	
6. Haverhill	
7. Lynn	
Franklin	
8. Greenfield	
9. Orange	
Hampshire	
10. Northampton	
Nantucket	
11. Nantucket	
Worcester	
12. Fitchburg	
13. Gardner	
14. Leominster	
15. Uxbridge	
16. Winchendon	
17. Worcester	

**DISTRICT AND PROBATE AND FAMILY COURTS WITH NO SPECIALIZED
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCATE COVERAGE**
(By County)

DISTRICT COURTS		PROBATE AND FAMILY COURTS	
Berkshire County		Berkshire County	
1.	Northern Berkshire District	1.	Berkshire Probate and Family
2.	Southern Berkshire District	Bristol County	
Bristol County		2.	Bristol Probate and Family
3.	Fall River	Essex County	
4.	New Bedford	3.	Essex Probate and Family
Essex County		Franklin County	
5.	Gloucester	4.	Franklin Probate and Family
6.	Ipswich	Hampshire County	
7.	Peabody	5.	Hampshire Probate and Family
8.	Salem	Middlesex County	
Hampden County		6.	Middlesex Probate and Family
9.	Chicopee	Norfolk County	
10.	Holyoke	7.	Norfolk Probate and Family
11.	Palmer	Suffolk County	
12.	Westfield	8.	Suffolk Probate and Family
Middlesex County			
13.	Ayer		
14.	Concord		
15.	Marlborough		
16.	Natick		
17.	Newton		
18.	Somerville		
19.	Waltham		
Suffolk County			
20.	Brighton		
21.	Charlestown		
22.	Chelsea		
23.	East Boston		
24.	South Boston		
Worcester County			
25.	Clinton		
26.	Dudley		
27.	Milford		
28.	Spencer		
29.	Westborough		



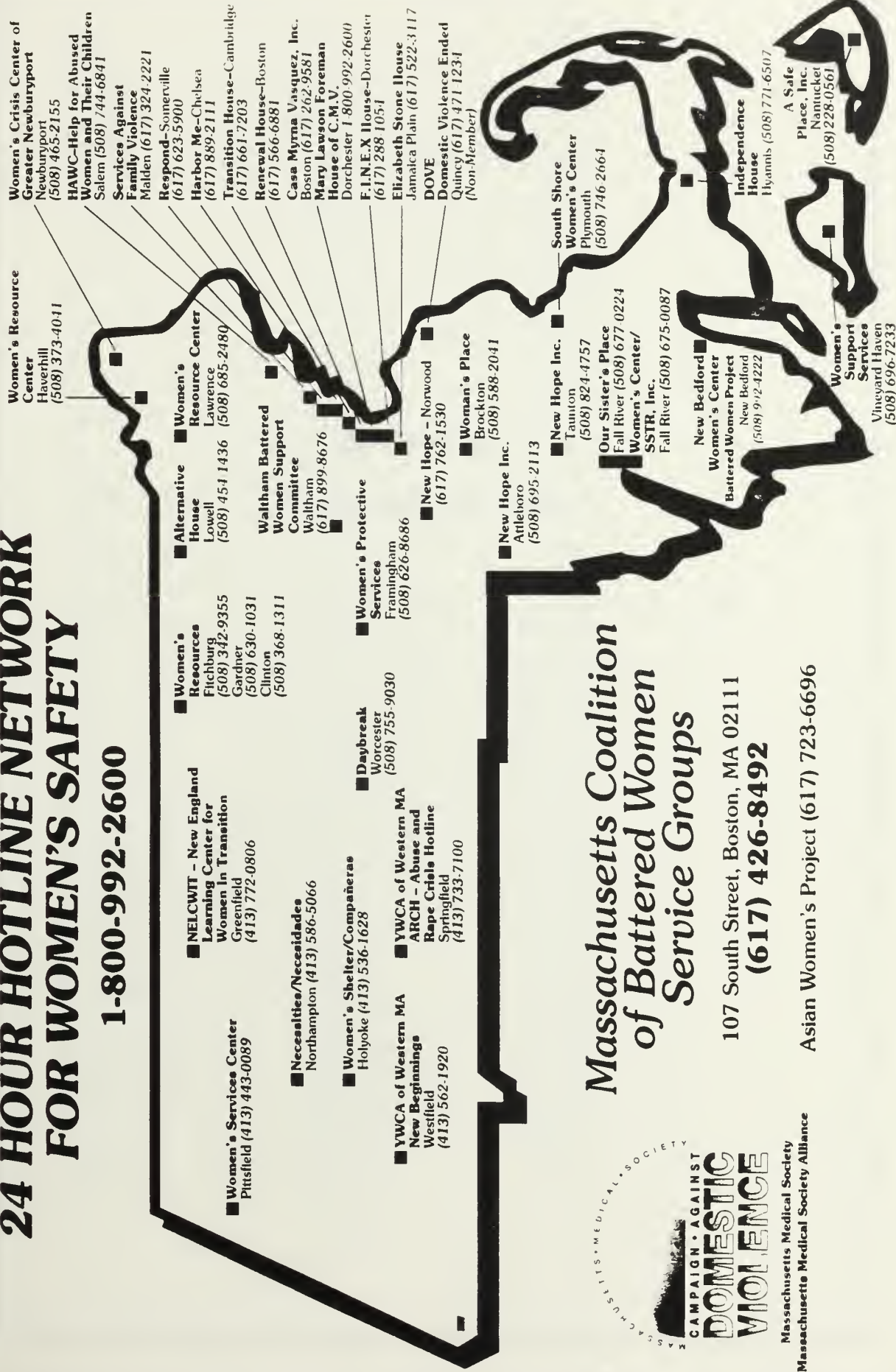
APPENDIX IV

Battered Women's Service Programs in Massachusetts



24 HOUR HOTLINE NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

1-800-992-2600



Massachusetts Coalition of Battered Women Service Groups

107 South Street, Boston, MA 02111
(617) 426-8492

Asian Women's Project (617) 723-6696



Massachusetts Medical Society
Massachusetts Medical Society Alliance

APPENDIX V

Town/ Court/ County Directory



Town/Court/County Directory

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
Abington	Brockton	Plymouth
Acton	Concord	Middlesex
Acushnet	New Bedford	Bristol
Adams	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Agawam	Springfield	Hampden
Alford	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Amesbury	Amesbury	Essex
Amherst	Northampton	Hampshire
Andover	Lawrence	Essex
Arlington	Cambridge	Middlesex
Ashburnham	Fitchburg	Worcester
Ashby	Ayer	Middlesex
Ashfield	Greenfield	Franklin
Athol	Orange	Franklin
Attleboro	Attleboro	Bristol
Auburn	Worcester	Worcester
Avon	Stoughton	Norfolk
Ayer	Ayer	Middlesex
Barnstable	Barnstable	Barnstable
Barre	Worcester	Worcester
Becket	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Bedford	Concord	Middlesex
Belchertown	Ware	Hampshire
Bellingham	Milford	Worcester
Belmont	Cambridge	Middlesex
Berkley	Taunton	Bristol
Berlin	Clinton	Worcester
Bernardston	Greenfield	Franklin
Beverly	Salem	Essex
Billerica	Lowell	Middlesex
Blackstone	Uxbridge	Worcester
Blandford	Westfield	Hampden
Bolton	Clinton	Worcester
Boston	Boston (BMC)	Suffolk
Bourne	Barnstable	Barnstable
Boxborough	Ayer	Middlesex
Boxford	Haverhill	Essex
Boylston	Clinton	Worcester
Braintree	Quincy	Norfolk
Brewster	Orleans	Barnstable
Bridgewater	Brockton	Plymouth
Brimfield	Palmer	Hampden
Brockton	Brockton	Plymouth
Brookfield	Spencer	Worcester
Brookline	Brookline	Norfolk
Buckland	Greenfield	Franklin
Burlington	Woburn	Middlesex
Cambridge	Cambridge	Middlesex
Canton	Stoughton	Norfolk
Carlisle	Concord	Middlesex
Carver	Wareham	Plymouth
Charlemont	Greenfield	Franklin
Charlestown	Boston (BMC)	Suffolk
Charlton	Dudley	Worcester
Chatham	Orleans	Barnstable
Chelmsford	Lowell	Middlesex
Chelsea	Chelsea	Suffolk
Cheshire	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Chester	Westfield	Hampden
Chesterfield	Northampton	Hampshire
Chicopee	Chicopee	Hampden
Chilmark	Edgartown	Dukes
Clarksburg	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Clinton	Clinton	Worcester

Town/Court/County Directory

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
Cohasset	Quincy	Norfolk
Colrain	Greenfield	Franklin
Concord	Concord	Middlesex
Conway	Greenfield	Franklin
Cumington	Northampton	Hampshire
Dalton	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Danvers	Salem	Essex
Dartmouth	New Bedford	Bristol
Dedham	Dedham	Norfolk
Deerfield	Greenfield	Franklin
Dennis	Orleans	Barnstable
Dighton	Taunton	Bristol
Dorchester	Boston (BMC)	Suffolk
Douglas	Uxbridge	Worcester
Dover	Dedham	Norfolk
Dracut	Lowell	Middlesex
Dudley	Dudley	Worcester
Dunstable	Ayer	Middlesex
Duxbury	Plymouth	Plymouth
East Bridgewater	Brockton	Plymouth
East Brookfield	Spencer	Worcester
East Longmeadow	Springfield	Hampden
Eastham	Orleans	Barnstable
Easthampton	Northampton	Hampshire
Easton	Taunton	Bristol
Edgartown	Edgartown	Dukes
Egremont	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Erving	Orange	Franklin
Essex	Gloucester	Essex
Everett	Malden	Middlesex
Fairhaven	New Bedford	Bristol
Fall River	Fall River	Bristol
Falmouth	Barnstable	Barnstable
Fitchburg	Fitchburg	Worcester
Florida	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Foxborough	Wrentham	Norfolk
Franklin	Wrentham	Norfolk
Freetown	Fall River	Bristol
Gardner	Gardner	Worcester
Gay Head	Edgartown	Dukes
Georgetown	Haverhill	Essex
Gill	Greenfield	Franklin
Gloucester	Gloucester	Essex
Goshen	Northampton	Hampshire
Gosnold	Edgartown	Dukes
Grafton	Westborough	Worcester
Granby	Northampton	Hampshire
Granville	Westfield	Hampden
Great Barrington	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Greenfield	Greenfield	Franklin
Groton	Ayer	Middlesex
Groveland	Haverhill	Essex
Hadley	Northampton	Hampshire
Halifax	Plymouth	Plymouth
Hamilton	Salem	Essex
Hampden	Palmer	Hampden
Hancock	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Hanover	Kingham	Plymouth
Hanson	Plymouth	Plymouth
Hardwick	Spencer	Worcester
Harvard	Clinton	Worcester
Harwich	Orleans	Barnstable
Hatfield	Northampton	Hampshire
Haverhill	Haverhill	Essex

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
Hawley	Greenfield	Franklin
Heath	Greenfield	Franklin
Hingham	Hingham	Plymouth
Hinsdale	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Holbrook	Quincy	Norfolk
Holden	Worcester	Worcester
Holland	Westfield	Hampden
Holyoke	Holyoke	Hampden
Hopedale	Milford	Worcester
Hubbardston	Gardner	Worcester
Hudson	Marlborough	Middlesex
Hull	Hingham	Plymouth
Huntington	Northampton	Hampshire
Ipswich	Ipswich	Essex
Kingston	Plymouth	Plymouth
Lakeville	Wareham	Plymouth
Lancaster	Clinton	Worcester
Lanesborough	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Lawrence	Lawrence	Essex
Lee	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Leicester	Worcester	Worcester
Lenox	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Leominster	Leominster	Worcester
Leverett	Greenfield	Franklin
Lexington	Concord	Middlesex
Leyden	Greenfield	Franklin
Lincoln	Concord	Middlesex
Littleton	Ayer	Middlesex
Longmeadow	Springfield	Hampden
Lowell	Lowell	Middlesex
Ludlow	Palmer	Hampden
Lunenburg	Fitchburg	Worcester
Lynn	Lynn	Essex
Lynnfield	Peabody	Essex
Malden	Malden	Middlesex
Manchester	Salem	Essex
Mansfield	Attleboro	Bristol
Marblehead	Lynn	Essex
Marion	Wareham	Plymouth
Marlborough	Marlborough	Middlesex
Marshfield	Plymouth	Plymouth
Mashpee	Barnstable	Barnstable
Mattapoisett	Wareham	Plymouth
Maynard	Concord	Middlesex
Medfield	Dedham	Norfolk
Medford	Somerville	Middlesex
Medway	Wrentham	Norfolk
Melrose	Malden	Middlesex
Mendon	Milford	Worcester
Merrimac	Amesbury	Essex
Methuen	Lawrence	Essex
Middleborough	Wareham	Plymouth
Middlefield	Northampton	Hampshire
Middleton	Salem	Essex
Milford	Milford	Worcester
Millbury	Worcester	Worcester
Millis	Wrentham	Norfolk
Millville	Uxbridge	Worcester
Milton	Quincy	Norfolk
Monroe	Greenfield	Franklin
Monson	Palmer	Hampden
Montague	Greenfield	Franklin
Monterey	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Montgomery	Westfield	Hampden

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<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
Nahant	Lynn	Essex
Nantucket	Nantucket	Nantucket
Natick	Natick	Middlesex
Needham	Dedham	Norfolk
New Ashford	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
New Bedford	New Bedford	Bristol
New Braintree	Spencer	Worcester
New Marlborough	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
New Salem	Orange	Franklin
Newbury	Newburyport	Essex
Newburyport	Newburyport	Essex
Newton	Newton	Middlesex
Norfolk	Wrentham	Norfolk
North Adams	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
North Andover	Lawrence	Essex
North Attleboro	Attleboro	Bristol
North Brookfield	Spencer	Worcester
North Reading	Woburn	Middlesex
Northampton	Northampton	Hampshire
Northborough	Westborough	Worcester
Northbridge	Uxbridge	Worcester
Northfield	Greenfield	Franklin
Norton	Attleboro	Bristol
Norwell	Hingham	Plymouth
Norwood	Dedham	Norfolk
Oak Bluffs	Edgartown	Dukes
Oakham	Worcester	Worcester
Orange	Greenfield	Franklin
Orleans	Orleans	Barnstable
Otis	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Oxford	Dudley	Worcester
Palmer	Palmer	Hampden
Paxton	Worcester	Worcester
Peabody	Peabody	Essex
Pelham	Northampton	Hampshire
Pembroke	Plymouth	Plymouth
Pepperell	Ayer	Middlesex
Peru	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Petersham	Gardner	Worcester
Phillipston	Gardner	Worcester
Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Plainfield	Northampton	Hampshire
Plainville	Wrentham	Norfolk
Plymouth	Plymouth	Plymouth
Plympton	Plymouth	Plymouth
Princeton	Leominster	Worcester
Provincetown	Orleans	Barnstable
Quincy	Quincy	Norfolk
Randolph	Quincy	Norfolk
Raynham	Taunton	Bristol
Reading	Woburn	Middlesex
Rehobeth	Taunton	Bristol
Revere	Chelsea	Suffolk
Richmond	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Rochester	Wareham	Plymouth
Rockland	Hingham	Plymouth
Rockport	Gloucester	Essex
Rowe	Greenfield	Franklin
Rowley	Newburyport	Essex
Roxbury	Boston (BMC)	Suffolk
Royalston	Gardner	Worcester
Russell	Westfield	Hampden
Rutland	Worcester	Worcester
Salem	Salem	Essex

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
Salisbury	Newburyport	Essex
Sandisfield	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Sandwich	Barnstable	Barnstable
Saugus	Lynn	Essex
Savoy	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Scituate	Hingham	Plymouth
Seekonk	Taunton	Bristol
Sharon	Stoughton	Norfolk
Sheffield	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Shelburne	Greenfield	Franklin
Sherborn	Natick	Middlesex
Shirley	Ayer	Middlesex
Shrewsbury	Worcester	Worcester
Shutesbury	Greenfield	Franklin
Somerset	Fall River	Bristol
Somerville	Somerville	Middlesex
South Hadley	Northampton	Hampshire
Southampton	Northampton	Hampshire
Southborough	Westborough	Worcester
Southbridge	Dudley	Worcester
Southwick	Westfield	Hampden
Spencer	Spencer	Worcester
Springfield	Springfield	Hampden
Sterling	Clinton	Worcester
Stockbridge	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Stoneham	Woburn	Middlesex
Stoughton	Stoughton	Norfolk
Stow	Concord	Middlesex
Sturbridge	Dudley	Worcester
Sunderland	Greenfield	Franklin
Sutton	Uxbridge	Worcester
Swampscott	Lynn	Essex
Swansea	Fall River	Bristol
Taunton	Taunton	Bristol
Templeton	Gardner	Worcester
Tewksbury	Lowell	Middlesex
Tisbury	Edgartown	Dukes
Tolland	Westfield	Hampden
Topsfield	Salem	Essex
Townsend	Ayer	Middlesex
Truro	Orleans	Barnstable
Tyngsborough	Lowell	Middlesex
Tyringham	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
Upton	Milford	Worcester
Uxbridge	Uxbridge	Worcester
W. Roxbury	Boston (BMC)	Suffolk
Wakefield	Malden	Middlesex
Wales	Palmer	Hampden
Walpole	Wrentham	Norfolk
Waltham	Waltham	Middlesex
Ware	Ware	Hampshire
Wareham	Wareham	Plymouth
Warren	Spencer	Worcester
Warwick	Orange	Franklin
Washington	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Watertown	Waltham	Middlesex
Webster	Dudley	Worcester
Wellesley	Dedham	Norfolk
Wellfleet	Orleans	Barnstable
Wendell	Orange	Franklin
Wenham	Salem	Essex
West Boylston	Worcester	Worcester
West Bridgewater	Brockton	Plymouth
West Brookfield	Spencer	Worcester

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<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COURT</u>	<u>COUNTY OF COURT</u>
West Newbury	Haverhill	Essex
West Springfield	Springfield	Hampden
West Stockbridge	Great Barrington, Lee	Berkshire
West Tisbury	Edgartown	Dukes
Westborough	Westborough	Worcester
Westfield	Westfield	Hampden
Westford	Ayer	Middlesex
Westhampton	Northampton	Hampshire
Westminster	Gardner	Worcester
Weston	Waltham	Middlesex
Westport	Fall River	Bristol
Westwood	Dedham	Norfolk
Weymouth	Quincy	Norfolk
Whately	Greenfield	Franklin
Whitman	Brockton	Plymouth
Wilbraham	Palmer	Hampden
Williamsburg	Northampton	Hampshire
Williamstown	Adams, N. Adams	Berkshire
Wilmington	Woburn	Middlesex
Winchendon	Winchendon	Worcester
Winchester	Woburn	Middlesex
Windsor	Pittsfield	Berkshire
Winthrop	East Boston	Suffolk
Woburn	Woburn	Middlesex
Worcester	Worcester	Worcester
Worthington	Northampton	Hampshire
Wrentham	Wrentham	Norfolk
Yarmouth	Barnstable	Barnstable



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